

To the parents and students in the CHAOS and FACES programs.

We wanted to provide an update on the PCSS portables that are identified as the classrooms for the CHAOS and FACES programs. You may know or will know after talking with your child that we did not use the two portables today for classes. There were concerns regarding the portables that were identified by the Wood Street Centre Health and Safety Committee. The expressed concerns were investigated by the Workers Compensation Board (WCB) staff on Wednesday afternoon. The WCB provided direction that we were not to use the portables for instruction purposes until they completed their investigation. At this time there is great effort to undertake and conclude the investigation so that the portables can be used or repaired to a level where they meet all health and safety requirements.

There will be visual inspections and air quality testing starting today by a third party testing technician under the supervision of the WCB. Once the results arrive we will be informed if the portables pass the safety requirements for use by staff and students or if the building requires repairs. We should know by early next week what the testing and visual inspections reveal. The test results will determine the next steps on the use of the portables. The Wood Street Health and Safety Committee members have confidence in the investigation being undertaken under the guidance of the WCB.

We are working with the Department of Education to find temporary instruction spaces in the interim.

We will notify parents as we identify spaces for each program.

Thanks

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